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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NEGOTIATIONS ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION

REF: A. STATE 57963; B. VIENNA 1920

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL TO MS. BETHANY ARMSTRONG OF EXTAFF UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION WHO IS DRAFTING GOC POSITION FOR UPCOMING IGC II. ARMSTRONG SAID GOC WAS EXPECTING USG DEMARCHE ON SUBJECT.

2. ARMSTRONG CLAIMED SHE COULD GIVE PRELIMINARY GOC REACTION TO AIDE MEMOIRE BUT WOULD CIRCULATE IT AMONG VARIOUS GOC AGENCIES BEFORE GIVING EMBOFF DEFINITIVE
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GOC REACTION. SHE SAID GOC IS ENTIRELY IN AGREEMENT

WITH USG ON REQUIREMENT THAT FINANCING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BE EXCLUDED FROM ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS BUT GOC IS LESS CONCERNED ABOUT WEIGHTED VOTING PROCEDURE. IN FACT, SHE SAID, IF GROUP B COUNTRIES PRESSED FOR WEIGHTED VOTING, GOC FEARED THAT G-77 WOULD NOT AGREE TO GROUP B POSITION ON BUDGET AND THERE COULD DEVELOP COMPLETE IMPASSE ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION. HOWEVER, SHE WAS UNAWARE OF WEIGHTED VOTING PROCEDURES RECENTLY NEGOTIATED IN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SHE SAID THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR GOC POSITION IN IGC II.

3. EMBOFF ATTEMPTED TO DRAW OUT ARMSTRONG ON POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SEE REFTEL B) ON WEIGHTED VOTING, BUT SHE REFUSED TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS AND CONFINED HER REMARKS TO TRADITIONAL, AND SOMETIMES CONFLICTING, ATTITUDES OF EXTAFF AND FINANCE TOWARDS UN BODIES.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON AIDE MEMOIRE WITH EXTAFF EARLY NEXT WEEK AND WILL ALSO DISCUSS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE FINANCE DEPT OFFICIALS AFTER THEY HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE FROM EXTAFF.
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